

## Message Text

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FM USLO PEKING

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8657

INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CH US SOPN

SUBJ: INFORMATION DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAY US SHOULD STOP  
PROCRASTINATING ON DEBT

1. REUTERS CORRESPONDENTS ROGERS AND MCKENZIE CALLED ON  
MFA INFORMATION DEPARTMENT FOREIGN PRESS LIAISON DIVISION  
OFFICIALS MA YU-CHEN AND CHI MING-TSUNG AFTERNOON OF  
SEPTEMBER 7 FOR PRIVATE DISCUSSION OF CHINESE REACTION TO  
AP STORY ON INTERVIEW WITH TENG HSIAO-PING. REUTERS, WHICH  
PLANS TO WRITE STORY BASED ON SESSION, PROVIDED FOLLOWING  
DETAILS TO USLO OFFICER.

2. ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE FAIR TO CHARACTERIZE CHINESE  
AS "IMPATIENT" WITH US STANCE ON NORMALIZATION ISSUES AND  
SPECIFICALLY ON TAIWAN, MA YU-CHEN REPLIED "WE ARE NEITHER  
IMPATIENT NOR PATIENT." MA THEN ADDED "IT IS TIME THAT  
THE US PAID ITS DEBTS TO CHINA...THE UNITED STATES SHOULD STOP  
PROCRASTINATING."

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3. HOUR-LONG SESSION TURNED UP NO NEW INFORMATION OR  
SLANTS IN CHINESE THINKING. MCKENZIE DESCRIBED OVERALL  
CHINESE TONE AS "TOUGH" ON SINO-US RELATIONS.

4. COMMENT: THIS SESSION WAS FOLLOWUP TO PREVIEW SESSION  
ON SECRETARY VANCE VISIT IN WHICH MA AND CHI HAD SARCASTICALLY  
DOWNPLAYED ANY CHANCE FOR SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN LIGHT OF

US REFUSAL TO ALTER POSITION ON TAIWAN.  
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